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SUBJECT: GRC INTENTION TO PURCHASE ASW HELICOPTERS

REF: STATE 063153

1. UNITED AIRCRAFT REQUEST FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR ASW HELICOPTERS PRESUMABLY IS FOLLOW- ON TO TAIPEI VISIT ON MARCH 23 OF UNITED AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVES, STEPHANSKY AND CARTER. VISIT, REPORTEDLY, WAS ARRANGED BY COMMANDER ROC NAVY ASW FORCE AS PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF COSTING AND AVAILABILITY OF SH3 D- TYPE HELICOPTERS. CINC ROC NAVY SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO US THAT GRC HAD NO REAL INTENT TO PURCHASE SH3 D AND THAT HE HAD MERELY INFORMED UNITED REPS THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION WOULD BE POINTLESS UNLESS UNITED HAD VALID EXPORT LICENSE. COS QUOTED TO ROC NAVY BY UNITED REPRESENTATIVES WAS \$3 MILLION PER SH3 D AND NOT \$2 MILLION AS NOTED REFTEL.

2. PROVIDED DELIVERY ASSURED UNDER ROC HELICOPTER CO- PRODUCTION PROGRAM, ROC NAVY, REPORTEDLY, IS INTERESTED IN UH1 H CONVERSION TO ASW HELICOPTER. BELL COMPANY HAS CONFIRMED FEASIBILITY OF CONVERSION  
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AT COST CONSIDERABLY BELOW SH3 D. A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN UH1 H CHOPPERS FROM THE CO- PRODUCTION PROGRAM HAS BEEN

ALLOCATED IN THE JSOP TO NAVY USAGE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, THAT FROM TACTICAL STANDPOINT, TWO HELICOPTERS IN ASW CONFIGURATION ARE INTERCHANGEABLE. OTHER HELOS OF CURRENT INTEREST TO THE ROC ARE THE BELL 206 B AND LAMPS. THE LAMPS IS CONTAINED IN ROC NAVY 12 YEAR PLAN AND IS FAVORED BY CINCPACFLT FOR ROC NAVY. BELL REP RECENTLY CONFIRMED TO ROC NAVY THAT COST OF 206 B WAS ABOUT \$300,000 PER UNIT, THAT IT COULD CARRY MAD AND MK-44 TORPEDO, AND IS AVAILABLE NOW

3. ALTHOUGH COUNTRY TEAM GIVES RELATIVELY HIGH PRIORITY TO ROC ACQUISITION ASW HELICOPTERS, IT RECOMMENDS DEFERRAL OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR SH3 D. COST, AVAILABILITY, AND SPECIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS, FOR HELICOPTERS MENTIONED ABOVE HAS BEEN REQUESTED. ROC NAVY'S SELECTION OF OPTIMUM AIRCRAFT TO MEET THEIR NEEDS WILL BE MADE AFTER RECEIPT OF DATA.  
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